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MURPHYSBORO MAN INDICTED CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 8, 2006, **CHARLES DERRICK KELLER**, age 25, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment, charging him with possession of a firearm by a felon. The violation is alleged to have occurred on December 4, 2005, in Jackson County, Illinois. An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The offense carries a penalty of not more than 10 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of 3 years' supervised release. **KELLER** is being held without bond pending a May 15, 2006, jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.